

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Keohane et al.**

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For: **Method for Automatically Sending
Away Notifications in an Email Messaging
System**

§ Group Art Unit: **2152**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on **page 3** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 4** of this paper.